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SUBJECT: VISIT OF RETIRED FSO ALFRED JENKINS TO ROC

1. SUMMARY: ALTHOUGH RETIRED FSO ALFRED JENKINS VISITED ROC OCT 29-NOV 5 IN PRIVATE CAPACITY, HE WAS ACCORDED VIP TREATMENT AND PRESS COVERAGE ON LEVEL NORMALLY RESERVED FOR HIGH-RANKING OFFICIAL VISITORS. MEDIA EMPHASIZED JENKIN'S DISAPPOINTMENT WITH RESTRICTIONS ENCOUNTERED IN PRC, CONTRASTING THIS WITH OPENNESS AND PROSPERITY IN TAIWAN. SELECTIVE QUOTATION OF JENKINS' REMARKS, OMITTING BALANCING STATEMENTS, LIKELY TO BE GIVEN EXTENSIVE USE OVERSEAS IN ROC EFFORT TO SHORE UP ITS INTERNATIONAL POSITION. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING OCT 29-NOV 5 VISIT TO TAIWAN, RETIRED FSO ALFRED JENKINS CALLED ON MADAME CHIANG AND VARIOUS SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS INCLUDING PREMIER CHIANG, VICE PRESIDEN YEN, MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO, GEORGEK K.C. YEH, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION OFFICE DIRECTOR FRED CH'EN, CNA DIRECTOR JIMMY WEIN, AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR HSIEH.

3. ALL LOCAL NEWSPAPERS AND TV GAVE HEAVY COVERAGE TO  
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JENKINS' VISIT, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON HIS PRE-DEPARTURE

PRESS CONFERENCE NOV 5. DURING PRESS CONFERENCE JENKINS REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED HIS NOSTALGIA FOR MAINLAND CHINA HE KNEW 28 YEARS AGO AND HIS DISAPPOINTMENT AND FRUSTRATION OVER INABILITY TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH CHINESE PEOPLE WHEN HE SERVED IN USLO. LOCAL MEDIA CONTRASTED THIS WITH HIS COMMENTS ON REMARKABLE PROGRESS HE SAW IN TAIWAN AND HIS PLEASURE OVER OPENNESS OF PEOPLE ON TAIWAN. BALANCING REMARKS ON IMPROVED LIVELIHOOD FOR COMMON MAN ON MAINLAND AND ON PRC EGALITARIANISM WERE USUALLY OMITTED.

4. ON US-PRC RELATIONS, JENKINS WAS QUOTED AS SAYING HE DOES NOT BELIEVE US EFFORTS TOWARDS DETENTE "WILL EASILY BRING RESULTS" SINCE IT IS "TOO COMPLEX AND DIFFICULT JOB," BUT HE REPORTEDLY DECLINED FURTHER COMMENT ON FUTURE US-PRC RELATIONS.

5. ON DISPUTES BETWEEN PRC AND ROC, JENKINS WAS QUOTED AS SAYING: "I DON'T THINK US SHOULD TRY TO INFLUENCE IT. MAIN INTEREST OF US IS THAT SOLUTION OF CHINA TANGEL SHOULD BE A PEACEFUL ONE AND SHOULD BE WORKED OUT PEACEFULLY BY CHINESE THEMSELVES."

6. PRESS COMMENTARY ON JENKINS' VISIT, WHICH BEGAN UPON HIS ARRIVAL, STILL CONTINUES EVEN AFTER HIS DEPARTURE. NOV 2 CHUNG YANG JIH PAO EDITORIAL SAID JENKINS' EXPERIENCE "ENABLES HIM TO SEE CLEARLY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FREE CHINA AND COMMUNIST-HELD MAINLAND AND CHANGES IN PAST 20 YEARS AND MORE, THAT IS, WHICH IS DEMOCRATIC AND FREE AND WHICH IS TOTALITARIAN, WHICH HAS MADE MUCH PROGRESS AND WHICH IS WITHERING, WHICH IS TRULY SEEKING PEOPLE'S WELFARE AND WHICH IS ENSLAVING PEOPLE."U "JENKINS," CYJP EDITORIAL ADDS, "HAS PROVIDED STRONG EVIDENCE AND QUOTE LIAISON OFFICE UNQUOTE MAY BE CLOSED DOWN.". TA HUA WAN PAO EDITORIAL NOV 5 SAID THAT ALTHOUGH JENKINS "MADE ONLY WHIRLWIND VISIT TO ROC, WE BELIEVE... HE MUST HAVE AT LEAST ENJOYED FREEDOM TO CONTACT CHINESE PEOPLE HERE AND SINCERE FRIENDSHIP WHICH HE COULD NOT BE GIVEN ON CHINESE MAINLAND." OTHER EDITORIALS HAILED JENKINS' VIEWS AS THOSE OF US "MOST SENIOR AND KNOWLEDGEABLE CHINA EXPERT."

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7. IN KEEPING WITH THEIR TREATMENT OF OTHER US VIP'S WHO HAVE VISITED BOTH PRC AND ROC, INFORMATION AGENCIES PULLED OUT ALL STOPS TO MAKE MAXIMUM USE ANY INDICATIONS JENKINS' FAVORABLE VIEW ROC AND ROC'S CAUSE. CHINA NEWS NOV 5 EDITORIAL MOST SUCCINCTLY SUMS UP PROPAGANDA BENEFITS ROC SEES DERIVING FROM JENKINS' VISIT: "IT IS SAFE TO SAY THAT MR. JENKINS

HAS CONCLUDED THAT MAINSTREAM OF CHINESE FUTURE IS ON  
TAIWAN AND NOT MAINLAND UNDER COMMUNISM. HE IS ONLY ONE  
OF MANY WHO HAVE REACHED THAT CONSLUSION....THIS IS IMMENSELY  
IMPORTANT TO ROC.....AS MR. JENKINS AND OTHERS QUIETLY  
MAKE KNOWN THEIR FINDINGS AND VIEWS,GOVERNMENTS AND  
PEOPLES ARE GOING TO TAKE A NEW CLOSER LOOK AT CHINA  
PROBLEM. THAT CAN ONLY BE IN OUR INTEREST AND TO OUR  
BENEFIT." WE EXPECT GROC WILL MAKE EXTENSIVE USE OF  
SELECTED JENKINS REMARKS OVERSEAS IN EFFORTS TO SHORE UP  
ITS POSITION IN US, PHILIPPINES, AND ELSEWHERE.

8. SELECTED PRESS COVERAGE OF JENKINS' VISIT WILL BE  
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